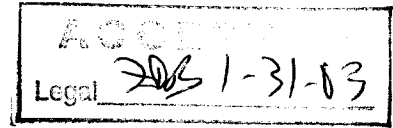
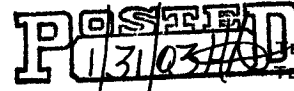


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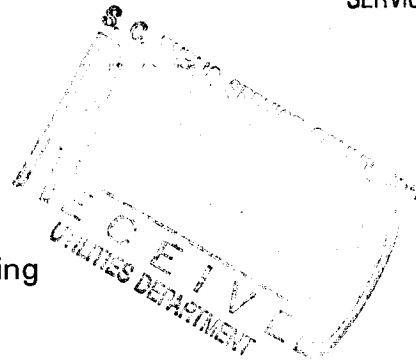


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Dear David:

Thank you for your letter of January 24th. Our Firm is no longer participating in the above referenced proceeding, and I can be removed from the service list.

I apologize for not notifying you of this development sooner, and regret any inconvenience it may have caused the Commission or the other intervenors.

Thank you for your assistance. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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